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Jan 18, 1925

The Plaza
New York

My Dear Mr. Lummis

Kindly send me a
copy of your "Spanish
Songs of Old California"

It is most delightful
to know about these.

My son Van Campen Kiker
(see Who's Who) is making a
trip of all the West Indian
Islands two years ago
formed many old

I am sure to see you
book - Please keep my name
on your list in case you
issue others -

Why don't you get a list
of Community Houses and
Community Centers of the
U.S. - (Playground & Recreation
Association -

and send them your
Circular -

351 - Fourth Ave
New York City -

For Community Chorus work etc
these songs ought to be a boon

Most cordially,
Adelaide B. Hilner
(Mrs. Samuel)

Jan 18/25

Note

Year-round address
Spring Lake - New Jersey -

Winter only
Hotel Plaza - 5th Ave & 59th St
New York City

Mrs. Samuel Hilner

songs among the "people"
of the rarely visited
islands - delightful
harmonies - many
probably corrupted
by the natives from the
old world songs brought
there and others native.

My son is now in
Peru & Ecuador for the
Am-^{Nat'l} History Museum on
an expedition but he
will be delighted

January twenty fifth
Nineteen twenty five

Mrs Adelaide B. Heilner,
Hotel Plaza, 5th Ave & 59th St,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs Heilner:

Thats fine to have you so interested in my Folksongs-- and I feel sure your travelled son will find something to remind him of his wanderings in the West Indies. If the World depended for its Music on modern Musicians and without any foundation of the past God knows we would be paupers indeed! We have invented Symphonies, Player Pianos and Musical Critics-- but the Savage invented Music! The only real thing we have done for this most human and most intimate of Arts is to invent Harmony, which is indeed a great deal.

I thank you very heartily for your suggestion about the Community Houses and Community Centers of the United States and am writing at once to the address you give for a list. These Songs have been tried out right here and in Pasadena and Santa Barbara-- very largely on Communities ~~of~~ ~~most~~ exclusively of Eastern tourists-- and it is wonderful how they have just "Eaten Up" these Spanish Songs. It is also wonderful how a conductor like Farwell can take 700 or a 1,000 of these "tender-feet" and in a few minutes get them to singing the Spanish words and they like these Songs even better than the old Standby's of "Suwanee River" etc.

Your name shall be on the mailing list for future announcements. I have been very much handicapped but am hoping to bring out the Second Book within a very few months.

With high regard and best wishes.

Sincerely Yours